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USIB NSAM 368

DIA, DOS and NSC review(s) completed.

21 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information Processing Staff

SUBJECT : Draft Memorandum for the President Prepared by  
[redacted] 18 March 68, subject: NSAM 368

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1. There is a marginal note on the copy of the draft you sent to me which says "Must get to USIB by Friday". It seems to me this paper should not go anywhere in its present form. To allow it to do so would seem to be evidence of acquiescence with the assumptions it contains that there will be a COINS management structure; that there will be an information handling committee to replace CODIB and that there will be a revised DCID 1/4. While two out of three of these assumptions may come to pass, it seems presumptuous to present a paper anyway which assumes that they will when there is so much work to be done before they can.

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2. [redacted] draft gives a prominence to the COINS experiment which it doesn't deserve. With so much skepticism about the possibility of success for COINS it seems unwise to present it so forcefully as the foremost community effort in the intelligence information handling business. The primary emphasis should be given to the point made in your memorandum for the record of a week or so ago to the effect that the response to NSAM 368 should place squarely before the President the facts about intelligence information handling in the agencies of the community. COINS should be treated more objectively with some estimate of its potential for passing into obscurity, and should be given a lesser order of emphasis in relation to the real applications which we propose to list.

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Chief, Support Services Staff

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: NSAM 368

The attached report is submitted in response to the instructions contained in NSAM 368. This report covers those projects now under way in the intelligence community which will contribute to the development of a system to improve the dissemination, processing, storage and retrieval of intelligence information throughout the intelligence community. The report will also give the status of and future plans for community-wide systems, with particular <sup>attention being given to</sup> ~~emphasis on~~ the Community On-Line Intelligence System (COINS).

Beyond a discussion of plans for the test and evaluation of COINS, it is not feasible at this time to outline a specific long-range plan for the phased implementation of a community-wide information handling system. Such a system will follow from the continuous improvement and integration of the component agency systems. Some of these agency systems will soon be fully operational and should provide an orderly basis for the interagency exchange of information and elimination of <sup>undesirable</sup> ~~unnecessary~~ duplication in files and in the processing of information.

Subsequent to the issuance of NSAM 368, USIB has approved a Statement of Objectives for Intelligence Information Handling which gives guidance for the continuing activities which USIB feels must be taken

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to ensure the orderly development of a community-wide system for intelligence information handling. USIB also approved a revised DCID 1/4 which has established a new Intelligence Information Handling Committee with terms of reference tied directly to the Statement of Objectives.

It is believed that these two actions establish the intent of USIB concerning the intelligence information handling problem.

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Report to the President  
by the Director of Central Intelligence  
on Intelligence Information Handling

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This report contains the following sections:

- A. Community On-Line Intelligence System (COINS). ✓
- B. Community Information Handling Problems, Studies and Projects. ✓
- C. Department of State.
- D. CIA. *About 2 pages each*
- E. DIA.
- F. NSA.
- G. Consolidated Intelligence Information Handling Budget and Personnel.

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